

WILSON FAILS TO PICK A CHURCH

Capital Anxious to Know His Permanent Place of Worship.

MUCH IS INVOLVED

Churches Honored by Former Executives Have Rapidly Grown Rich.

BIG CROWD DISAPPOINTED

President Changes His Mind and Attends the Central Presbyterian.

WASHINGTON, March 9.—This was Woodrow Wilson's first Sunday in the White House.

The new President and his family observed the Sabbath quietly, attending church in the morning and going for an automobile ride in the country in the afternoon.

After dinner, which was served at 7 o'clock, the President spent the evening with his family, retiring early in accordance with his custom.

It was the general expectation that President Wilson would make it known today at which church he would worship during his residence in Washington. Many Presidents have attended the New York Avenue Presbyterian Church, a stone's throw from the White House, and a crowd waited in vain before that edifice for the Presidential party. But the President, Mrs. Wilson and Miss Eleanor Wilson changed their plans at the last minute and went to the Central Presbyterian Church, in northeast Washington, a mile or so from the White House.

The pastor of the Central Presbyterian Church, the Rev. Dr. James T. Taylor, was greatly surprised when the Wilsons were ushered to a pew. He did not refer to the Executive's presence, which was exactly what Mr. Wilson desired. Dr. Taylor said to-night that President Wilson had not intended to him that he would attend the Central Presbyterian regularly.

After the service the Wilsons returned to the White House.

With the final choice of a church home by President Wilson deferred, Presbyterian churches in Washington are still in an anxious frame of mind. The desirability of including among the worshippers of a Washington church the President of the United States and his family possesses something more than the pride of ownership. The material incentive to a congregation from this connection is vast.

The churches of the national capital which have numbered Presidents among their regular worshippers have without exception gained thereby permanent standing and substantial financial foundation.

Even in the days when Washington was young the Presidential patronage of a church carried this benefit. Today St. John's Protestant Episcopal Church, on Lafayette Square, enjoys the distinction of being known as the President's church. True, St. John's has not numbered a President among its worshippers since Chester A. Arthur went of office twenty-eight years ago, but every President of the Episcopal faith without an exception has attended St. John's from the days of James Madison to the present time.

St. John's is one of the richest churches in the world. It is probably the only Protestant Episcopal Church in Washington that has no debt, nor had for half a century.

When President Wilson came to Washington the Metropolitan Methodist Episcopal Church had just erected a handsome brownstone edifice with a tall and costly spire, enclosing the only set of chimneys in Washington. The church was in debt. Gen. Grant expressed a preference for the Metropolitan. Society fled from other churches and for the next years of Grant's administration attended the Metropolitan. When the President again became a private citizen the Metropolitan church was out of debt.

Along came Rutherford B. Hayes. "The Foundry Methodist Church," a struggling congregation, occupying a converted iron foundry as a place of worship, was his choice. The Hayes family, the Foundry church financially on its feet. To-day it has forsaken its old building, on the site of which now stands Washington's most expensive office building. The Foundry congregation worships in an ecclesiastical palace of Potomac blue stone in fashionable Sixteenth street.

President Garfield was a member of the Christian Church, the Campbellite Baptist. The congregation of this faith in Washington was poor. It worshipped in a tiny frame church which was the only Campbellite church in Washington. The five brief months of Garfield's tenure sufficed to give the little church its start, and after the President had been assassinated Campbellites from all ends of the United States to the other made wholesale contributions to erect a memorial to the one time canal-belt boy. The Campbellites now worship in a fine brick church on the site of their first church.

Garfield's successor, as has been said above, worshipped at St. John's, but when Grover Cleveland came to town a new situation had developed. The New York Avenue Presbyterian Church, which Lincoln had attended, was then the only fashionable church of that faith in Washington. It would have seemed the natural church home of the new President. It was but three blocks from the White House, but Grover Cleveland was not a thoughtless follower of precedents. Away down on Fourth and a-half street, Northwest, was the old Presbyterian church. Its pastor was the late Byron Sunderland, a friend and adviser of Abraham Lincoln. The church was poor, the neighborhood was deteriorating, its congregation was decreasing, but when the President suddenly determined to make it his church, forthwith came the change. Instead of a struggling congregation afoot which had sought the old Presbyterian church a few months before, tawdry old Fourth and a-half street was thereafter graced with fashionable equipages and two years later when the beautiful Frances Polson became the wife of the President, the attendance was trebled. In less than five years the church was

Honored by Old Comrades.



Chester Sanders Lord.

out of debt. Soon the aged Sunderland discovered that his health and strength were failing. The church governors began casting about for an assistant, and the Rev. T. De Witt Talmage of Brooklyn was engaged.

President McKinley attended the Metropolitan Methodist Church. When Theodore Roosevelt came to the White House the Dutch Reformed congregation of Washington was a tiny group of worshippers attending a small brick shed of a church in an obscure back street. During the seven years of Roosevelt's tenure the little congregation grew in size and the church treasury swelled. At the end of two years of the Presidential patronage the Dutch Reformed Church prepared plans for a new church, and in three years they had constructed one of the handsomest church buildings in Washington.

The power of the President in carrying with him prosperity to a church was never more clearly exemplified than when President Taft took office. The Episcopalian church in Washington, All Souls', had always been a conservative congregation. The Unitarians had only had one President before Mr. Taft; that was Millard Fillmore, who served less than three years. All Souls' Church had always been on a firm financial basis, but the edifice was old and but moderately attractive. No sooner had President Taft joined the congregation, however, than the usual boom started. A huge building fund was gathered about two years ago and one of the last acts of Mr. Taft's career as President was his participation in laying the cornerstone of the new All Souls' Church in the fashionable heart of Washington for an edifice which will cost more than \$250,000.

Vice-President and Mrs. Marshall walked from their hotel to the New York Avenue Presbyterian Church. Only a few people on the sidewalk recognized them.

Secretary of State and Mrs. Bryan and Secretary of Labor Wilson attended the First Presbyterian Church, of which the Rev. Dr. MacLeod is pastor. Secretary of the Navy Daniels attended the Mount Vernon Place Methodist Church. Secretary of Commerce and Mrs. Redfield will attend church in Alexandria, Va., across the Potomac from Washington, where members of the Redfield family live. They are Episcopalians.

Other members of the Cabinet have not announced their church selections.

TO STUDY WAYS OF PASTORS.

Socialist Pulpit Sends Out Members to Weigh Sermons.

At St. Mark's Church in the Bowery, the only one of its kind in the country, yesterday sent out a deputation of ten men to visit other New York churches, listen to sermons preached in them, and report on what they see and hear. The ten men, come from the St. Mark's forum, a part of the pulpit. The purpose of the visit is not wholly to see whether socialism is being preached, or whether it is being condemned.

The socialist pulpit of St. Mark's has for its exponent the Rev. Irwin Tucker of New Orleans. He is not, he says, advocating socialism any more than religion, his aim being to interpret socialism to religious minds and religion to socialists. He told his first band of inspectors that almost everything in the world is being inspected for efficiency except the Christian ministers.

Last night about 250 people attended the pulpit and the forum.

EMPLOYEE OF JUSTICE FINED \$5.

Charge of Assaulting Policeman Reduced to "Disorderly."

Magistrate Herbert, sitting in the Morrisania police court yesterday, was surprised when he read the complaint against Peter Schultz of 861 Forest avenue, The Bronx, and saw that it was only for disorderly conduct. The complaint in the station house, made the night before, was for assaulting an officer.

"Who told you to change your complaint?" the Magistrate asked Policeman Ryan.

"No one," said Ryan. He added that he felt sorry for Schultz's wife and children, and wanted to let him off lightly. It was said that Schultz does much work for Supreme Court Justice Brady.

Magistrate Herbert did not comment on the situation, but the showing of a lock on the door was burned to death in Cohoes today. They were John L. Sweet, 29 years old, a painter, and Bernard M. Farrell, 50, a laborer.

The men were sleeping in a room over a saloon at 11 Willow street when the building caught fire. When they awoke their way to the windows was blocked off by flames and they were unable to open the door. The proprietor of the saloon made unsuccessful attempts to rescue them, being prevented by fire and smoke.

LIVE TOPICS ABOUT TOWN.

"We had to take down our mirrors in the lifts," said the elevator man of an uptown apartment house. "It was too much of a temptation to the women visitors to have a last look at their hair before they made a call on some friend. They would be so engaged that they never noticed the floor they wanted to stop at and were carried past."

"Then they would tell their friends, tenants in the house, that they were carried past, and the friends would make complaints. We haven't had so many complaints about the elevator service since the looking glasses were taken out."

A man of an observing turn who rides daily in the subway says that even in the rush hours he often gets a seat. His method is simple.

Going home at night he boards a train northbound at Fourteenth street. Every seat in the car is taken and many passengers are standing. He makes his way along and notes the attitude of those having seats. Persons settled down comfortably, obviously going some distance, he passes by. But here is a man who looks out of the car window frequently to note the station signs. He is likely to get out soon. Another man has a travelling bag and he may be going to get out at the Grand Central Station. Here is an old man with a bundle on his knees, and the address on it tells where he leaves the train. There are various other signs that the observing man notes and he chooses a strap in front of the passenger he thinks is likely to alight first.

He lives far up the Broadway line, but he says that in this manner, even in a crowded car, he is more than likely to get a seat before the train has left Seventy-second street.

A boatbuilder whose shop is on the city waterfront was building a launch that he wanted to fashion with copper nails and washers. He paid a good price for the nails, but when it came to the buying of the washers he refused to pay 2 cents apiece for them. He wanted 200. So he in a few days went to the Sub-Treasury, presented a \$2 bill and got copper cents for it, which he punched and made into 200 washers, thereby saving \$1.

"New York is certainly setting other cities a good example in improving the looks of exposed blank walls of high buildings," said an out of town man. "An example is the attractive way the blank walls of your new hotel at Thirty-fourth street and Broadway are built. The north wall of the southern side of the building shows conspicuously above the low buildings on the south side of Thirty-fourth street. Near the top of the wall, carried out in dark brown brick, are several graceful arches. Below comes a big section of wall done in effective trellis design, also of the dark brown brick. On another blank wall is a wide border of the dark brown. As the wall is of light brick the dark brown decorations show to advantage."

"Now, while I'm not a builder or an architect or an artist, and don't know the name of one kind of brick from another, this way of making a blank wall less unsightly appealed to me."

In a subway train in the rush hour a few evenings ago three young girls moved closer to make room for a little kindly faced old lady bearing unmistakable marks of New England ancestry who entered the car at the Fulton street station. When she had taken her seat she turned to her handbag, and to the surprise of those about her removed from it two balls of worsted, one pink and the other white. By the time the train had reached the Bridge station she was busily engaged in finishing up what her three seamstresses said was the "cutest and dearest of baby socks."

LOCKED IN, TWO MEN BURN.

Unable to Open Door and Rescue Attempts Fail.

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"SUN" MEN'S GOOD-BY TO CHESTER S. LORD

Staff and Alumni of the Newspaper Hosts to the Retiring Managing Editor.

MANY TRIBUTES PAID HIM

Songs and Speeches at Breakfast for 175 in the Hotel Vanderbilt.

Members of THE SUN staff and of THE SUN Alumni Association gave a breakfast at the Vanderbilt Hotel yesterday in honor of Chester S. Lord, who retired from active work on February 23 after thirty-three years as managing editor of this newspaper. On the menu was printed: "Boss Lord at breakfast with his Sun friends."

There were 176 men in the company. They were gathered at sundry small tables in groups of a dozen or so. Several cities besides New York were represented by former Sun men who had come to join in the reunion. There were songs that had been written for the occasion, set to familiar tunes. The chorus of one of them went this way, the music being "Heidelberg":

Here's to the man who taught us news,
Here's to the boss we love,
Here's to the man we hate to lose
All other men above.
Here's to the boss with his kindly ways,
Here's to the boss he taught us,
Here's to his health through all the days,
Here's to you, friend, Boss Lord.

There was another song with special gusto by the younger set:

For we write what we write when we write,
That's what makes the editors hail.
But in one thing we're right,
And we're way out of sight,
Boss Lord is the boss of them all,
There's no earthly story that he doesn't know.

From the death of a duke to the depth of the snow,
For we write for to please him, he helped us to grow.
And we write what we write when we write,
That's what makes the editors hail.

Collin Armstrong, ex-president of THE SUN Alumni Association and for twenty years associated with Mr. Lord on THE SUN, presided as toastmaster. Among those at the guest table with him were Judge Edward Bartlett, Edward G. Rices, James M. Beck, William C. Beck, James Luby, Talcott Willard, director of the Columbia School of Journalism, W. J. Henderson and Carr C. Van Ande, general manager of the Times. Beside each plate was an autographed photograph of Mr. Lord. With a view to providing a special souvenir of the occasion all present wrote their signatures on leaves, which will be bound into a book and presented to him.

It was Mr. Lord's wish that he be not asked to make any address, but when several other speakers had been heard he was moved by unanimous clamor to say a few words by way of good-bye. He said that his friendship with the men who had worked with him was what he most valued in his active career. He read a letter from S. M. Clarke, who was associated with him for many years as night city editor, welcoming him to the ranks of those who could enjoy life at ease, and to Mr. Clarke he attributed a large part of the success which attended his career as managing editor of THE SUN.

A poem entitled "Old Fies" was read by Samuel A. Wood of THE SUN staff. It began:

When these old files came from the press,
The editor, with new ideas, bossed
The men who had been with him, and
Then never to have them at all.

Mr. Lord was greeted as a member of THE SUN Alumni Association by George Barry Mallon. The other speakers were William C. Beck, James Luby, James Arthur Seavey, Mr. Sherlock of Syracuse, Robert Frothingham, who recited a poem, and Charles Fairbanks.

The whole party was photographed in front of the hotel after breakfast.

WOODWARD LAUDS THE COURTS.

Justice Says Roosevelt's Attack Was Not Warranted.

The courts were complimented on Saturday night by Supreme Court Justice John Woodworth, speaking at a dinner of lawyers at the Brookline Club. Indiscriminate defence of them in the face of irresponsible or erratic criticism was denounced as doing more harm than good, inasmuch as it lent a false dignity to palpable untruth.

"I don't say they need any defence," he said, and proceeded to recount his own experiences during fifteen years on the bench. They had been uniformly pleasant, he said, and had never resulted in the straining of a single friendship.

Accumulated wealth he described as the penalty we have to bear for the kind of civilization we have, but he declared he preferred briefly to the criticisms of Col. Roosevelt, saying that in general these strictures on the courts in semi-statementship problems were not warranted. The exception was the North Carolina case, in which a conviction was set aside because a member of the Grand Jury that indicted the defendant lacked the property qualification.

Referring to a labor law that had been declared unconstitutional because it interfered with the individual liberty of the laborer, Justice Woodward said: "The courts in that case really decided in favor of the poor man as against the trust."

The law forbade the making of cigars in tenements. It was passed, the Justice said, at the behest of the American Tobacco Company, and not as a protection against germs and improper sanitation, about which little was known at the time.

Herkimer Railroad Bond Issue.

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The ambulance service has been in operation about two weeks and the major is confident from the success thus far attained that it will fill a long felt want. The vehicle now in use is only a makeshift, being a plain ordinary delivery wagon with bunting along its sides bearing the inscription that it is an ambulance, but he has hopes of purchasing in the near future a second hand ambulance that one of the local hospitals will offer for sale.

For a long time there has been more or less friction between the police and the City Hospital authorities in the matter of City over the more or less puzzling question: "When isn't a drunk a drunk?" Men supposedly drunk have been placed in station house cells and doormen at their rounds in the morning have found them dead. Autopsies have determined the fact that the supposed intoxicated prisoner either had a fractured skull or succumbed to something else than alcohol.

This has made the police cautious and of late they have been sending what might seem to be plain drunks of the unconscious brand to the City Hospital for an official diagnosis. On more than one occasion the hospital doctors have said loud caustic things about the guessing abilities of the police and this has led to much irritation. Likewise it has been more or less embarrassing to the patient when he found out that he was drunk after all.

"As a result of the disputes which have occurred from time to time over the condition of inebriates picked up in the street," said Major Winchell to a City reporter, "it became evident to us that an ambulance service which will get the drunks off the street was needed in this city. When the City Hospital doesn't want 'em and the police don't want 'em and the saloon keeper who sells the liquor which makes a man drunk doesn't want him it was time, we figured, that the Salvation Army should take them."

"Our plan is very simple. Our service is in operation day and night. Anybody who sees an intoxicated person lying in the gutter is privileged to call us up. We will send our ambulance on the double quick. The patient will be taken to our home, where we will proceed to straighten him out and send him home sober. That's all there is to it. We want to get inebriates off the streets and give them a chance to make good. We desire to save every man we can from the indignity of being locked up and perhaps lose his job as a consequence."

About a year ago Major Winchell established in Jersey City a "Saturday night bungalow" for the rescue of intoxicated persons and many similar institutions have since been provided by the Salvation Army in other cities. The major's "bungalow" is now at 109 Montgomery street. Many policemen find more satisfaction in steering a helpless pedestrian into the "bungalow" for a sobering cup of black coffee than in locking him up and losing sleep by going to court to appear as complainant in the morning.

Last Saturday night the major and his officers lugged or shoed in fifty men in all conditions of inebriety. Ten were removed to the Industrial Home for the night and the remainder were sent home after going through the sobering process.

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BRITISH ATTACHE LOSES JOB.

Englishman Tried to Help Under-sirable Alien into the Country.

As a result of an investigation of an attempt to land a young woman who arrived on Wednesday on the Oceanic an attaché of British Consul-General Bennett's office has severed his connection with the consulate and has agreed to leave the country.

The woman, who gave her name as Beatrice Pearson, was held up by the immigration authorities on the ground that she was likely to become a public charge. A board of special inquiry decided to deport her.

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